

Of Monarchs and Presidents

There was a time when postage stamps depicted only ruling monarchs and an occasional coat of arms from the issuing country—or Presidents in the case of the USA. Those days are gone, but topical collectors still can enjoy their share of Royals on Stamps. Because of the breadth of the British Commonwealth, the British Royal family is a particularly popular subject for issuing nations and collectors.

Recently we had a different take on the subject. Instead of a Commonwealth nation, the Marshall Islands, a former U.S. Trust Territory, is the issuing

entity, and the subject combines Queen Elizabeth II and the Presidents she met during her continuing tenure. Every President is included in the set, from Harry Truman, when she was still Princess Elizabeth, to current President Joe Biden, and each souvenir sheet describes the Queen's meeting with that President. [For a closer read, please use the website magnifier tool.]

We only had room for eight here. For the rest, as well as for scores of other issues on the subjects of U.S. Presidents or worldwide leaders, to www.igpc.com.

